

Spotlight on Jasper County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the southern area of the state
- Surrounded by Beaufort and Hampton counties and Georgia
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 65.3 degrees and experiences 50.76 inches of precipitation

Population

- 21,193 in 2004
- 42.4% white and 57.6% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 33.8 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 24,480 by 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 9,901 in 2003 to 9,841 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 5.8% in 2003 to 5.5% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 9,299 in 2004, compared to 9,387 in 2003

Per Capita Income

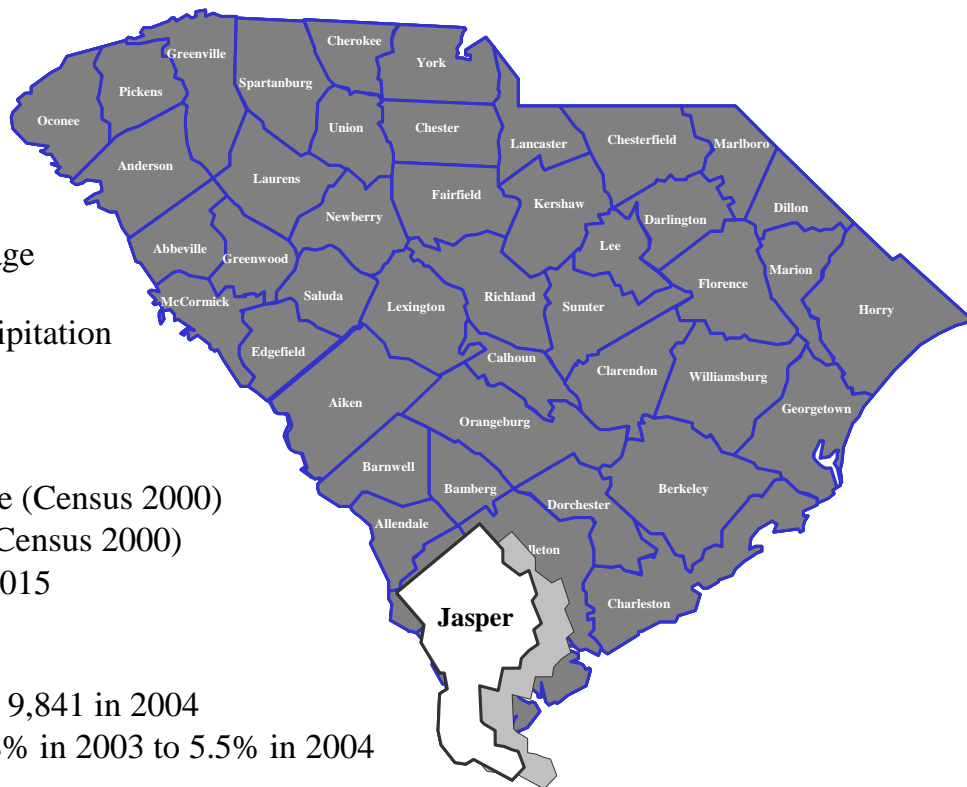
- Per capita income for the county was \$19,338 in 2003
- It was 74% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Beaufort Workforce Center, which serves Jasper and Beaufort counties, paid \$5,243,335 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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